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Re: MUR 6020 - Response by the Alliance for Climate Protection

Dear Ms. Duncan:

Enclosed please find the response of the Alliance for Climate Protection to the Complaint filed with the Federal Commission by Judicial Watch (MUR 6020). In addition, please find enclosed a second Designation of Counsel covering this matter, as well as all pending and future matters before the Commission.

Sincerely,

SONNENSCHN NATH & ROSENTHAL LLP



By:

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The above named individuals are hereby designated as counsel and are authorized to receive any and all notifications or other communications from the Commission and to act on behalf of the Alliance for Climate Protection, its officers and directors before the Commission on all current and future matters pending before the Commission.

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ALLIANCE FOR CLIMATE
PROTECTION

MUR NO. 6020

**CONFIDENTIAL
SENSITIVE**

Respondent.

RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT

On behalf of Respondent Alliance for Climate Protection ("Alliance") the undersigned counsel hereby responds to the Complaint filed with the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") by Judicial Watch. The Alliance received a copy of the Complaint on June 11, 2008. This response is submitted pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) and 11 C.F.R. § 111.6, and in accordance with the Commission's letter (dated June 5, 2008) to the Alliance.

The Alliance respectfully requests, for the reasons outlined below, that the Commission take no action with respect to the Alliance on the above-referenced Complaint.

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THE COMPLAINT

The Complaint alleges that advertising sponsored by the Alliance as part of the "WE Campaign," and featuring Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Former Speaker Newt Gingrich, "constitutes a 'coordinated communication' and, therefore, is both a campaign contribution by the Alliance and a campaign expenditure by Ms. Pelosi's authorized committee." (Cmplt. at 2). The Complaint asserts that neither the Alliance nor Speaker Pelosi intend to report the costs of the advertising as expenditures. (Cmplt. at 3).

The Complaint cites press releases from the Alliance and media reports regarding the WE Campaign as the basis for its assertions regarding the process for developing the advertisement featuring Speaker Pelosi and Speaker Gingrich.

CURRENT PROCEEDINGS

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CONCLUSION

Speaker Pelosi and Speaker Gingrich agreed to appear in their official capacities as the current and former leaders of the House of Representatives, and agreed to appear together to demonstrate their mutual interest in and support of the goals of the We Campaign. At no time was there any discussion of Speaker Pelosi's candidacy. The Alliance focused exclusively on advancing a visually memorable and non-partisan ad campaign, and the Speakers kindly participated in their official capacities. It would be difficult to fathom a circumstance in which Speaker Gingrich would appear in an advertisement that was intended to advance Speaker Pelosi's candidacy.

the Alliance requests that the Commission take no further action with respect to the Alliance on the instant Complaint,

Date: June 25, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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